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LETTER DATED 16 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 781 (1992), I have the honour to present the following information.

A communiqué dated 15 December 1992 from the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina reports that aggressor forces used aircraft to attack the villages of Piriči, Tegara, Zalužje and Loznička Rijeka, which are full of refugees. Seventy civilians were killed in the attacks, among them more than a dozen children.

The area of these attacks is along the border with Serbia at the Drina River, and we suspect that the violating flights originated in Serbia.

A separate communiqué from the Presidentship of the Tuzla Commune, Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, dated 15 December 1992, reports that there are daily violations of the no-fly zone with respect to the territories of Srebrenica, Bratunac and Zvornik.

The communiqué confirms eight attacks on 14 December 1992 by Yugoslav forces against the villages of Piriči, Zabrde, Bregave and Loznička Rijeka. It also identifies 18 flights by helicopters and other aircraft in the direction of Visovi-Jablanica-Brčko.

The Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, acting under paragraph 6 of resolution 781 (1992), requests the Security Council "to examine without delay all the information brought to its attention concerning the implementation of the ban on military flights in Bosnia and Herzegovina and, in the case of violations, to consider urgently the further measures necessary to enforce this ban".

May I request your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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